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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ASYLUM

REF: (A) LUSAKA 162; (B) KINSHASA 614; (C) LUSAKA 202

1. WE HAVE CONSISTENTLY HELD THAT ASYLUM IS THE RIGHT AND RESPONSIBILITY OF THE COUNTRY IN WHICH THE REQUEST IS MADE. ALTHOUGH WE RECOGNIZE POSSIBLE IMPLICATION FOR BILATERAL ZAMBIAN/ZAIRE RELATIONS, ZAMBIA IS A SIGNATORY TO CONVENTION AND PROTOCOL RELATING TO THE STATUS OF REFUGEES WHICH IMPOSES CERTAIN OBLIGATIONS INCLUDING PROHIBITION AGAINST EXPULSION OF A REFUGEE TO A COUNTRY WHERE HIS LIFE OR FREEDOM WOULD BE THREATENED BECAUSE OF HIS RACE, RELIGION, NATIONALITY, POLITICAL OPINION, OR MEMBERSHIP IN A PARTICULAR SOCIAL GROUP. IN ESSENCE, THIS IS A PROBLEM FOR THE ZAMBIAN GOVERNMENT.

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2. WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO SUBSTANTIATE ANY CONNECTION BETWEEN MOMBAY AND JUNE, 1975 COUP AS STATED REFTEL B. HOWEVER, SINCE HIS STORY MAY BE TRUE, WE BELIEVE BEST COURSE OF ACTION IS TO CONTACT LOCAL UNHCR REP AS SUGGESTED, PARA 9 REFTEL A. UNHCR CAN BE EXTREMELY HELPFUL IN RESETTLING REFUGEES IN THIRD COUNTRIES BOTH AS A

RESULT OF DIRECT APPEALS BY THE REFUGEE OR BY THE COUNTRY IN WHICH HE IS LOCATED.

3. REFTEL C RECEIVED AFTER CABLE HAD BEEN DRAFTED BUT DOES NOT ALTER OUR RECOMMENDATION. IN FACT, THE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION LENDS LESS CREDENCE TO HIS ALLEGED INVOLVEMENT IN JUNE COUP. AS THE POSSIBILITY, HOWEVER REMOTE, EXISTS THAT HIS STORY IS TRUE, WE BELIEVE BEST ALTERNATIVE IS REFERRAL TO UNHCR. KISSINGER

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